CITY OF WOODLAND
HORSESHOE LAKE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2012

The regular meeting of the Horseshoe Lake Management Committee was held on March 8, 2012, at the Woodland City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Davidson Avenue, Woodland, WA 98674.

Chair Tom Golik called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. Roll call found the following:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:  
Tom Golik, Chairman  
Walt Church  
Mike Curry  
Terry Jones  
Francis Patnode  
Pat Rychel  
Neil Van Horn  
Jeff Sullivan

MAYOR/COUNCIL:  
Scott Perry, Councilmember

STAFF:  
Jody Bartkowski, Secretary  
Bart Stepp, Director of Public Works

WELCOME

Jeff Sullivan was introduced as the new Committee Member and Bart Steppe as the new Public Works Director. Attendees introduced themselves and gave a brief history of their involvement with the Committee.

MINUTES

The February 9 and February 22, 2012 minutes were approved as presented.

OTHER

• Discussion ensued regarding the order of agenda items.

  Committee Member Church moved to recommend that Continued Business be discussed before New Business. Committee Member Patnode seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Beginning in April 2012 continued business will be discussed prior to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Goals & Priorities: Discussion ensued regarding the need for creation of a project list. Neil Van Horn distributed a handout of thoughts and ideas. It was determined that a special meeting was not necessary and list items were discussed (see attached). Staff was directed to prepare the list, in no particular order, and provide it to Committee Members for ranking in priority order.

2. Grants: It was determined that a priority list of projects would be created prior to researching grant opportunities and completing applications. The Cowlitz
Wahkiakum Council of Governments (Jenifer Keene) will be used as a source for potential grants.

3. **Meeting Times:** Discussion was held and the Committee agreed to permanently change the meeting time to 5:00 p.m. All regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers at 100 Davidson Avenue.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

1. **Lake Pump:** Staff reported that a letter had been sent to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) requesting a pump update. Discussion ensued regarding to whom the letter was addressed. Background information was provided for Bart Stepp and Jeff Sullivan.

2. **Water Sampling:** Staff presented the latest e-mail from Stacie Kelsey at Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) testing. No data has been sent, but she is working with their lab regarding the best way to use the $1,200 budget.

In an open discussion, the Committee and Staff gave a historical recap regarding water sampling and testing for new attendees. Further discussion was held regarding fish planting.

3. **Decoys:** Members reported that at first the geese appeared to leave, but now seem to be nesting. A suggestion was made to walk the Lake, see where they are nesting, and then place decoys in those locations.

4. **Otter Population:** Discussion ensued regarding otter habits, the locations they have been seen in, access to the Lake through the river pump, digging in banks, nutria, and that the last sighting of three was on February 23, 2012. A decision was made to keep an eye out for them and try to reach a consensus of where they are located.

5. **Budget:** Staff reported that nothing has changed.

**OTHER**

A question and answer session was held to bring Bart Stepp and Jeff Sullivan up-to-date on the history of pumping capacity and overall health of the lake.

Further discussion was held regarding the moving of sand along the east end of the lake and drainage features along the lakeshore.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:20 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 12, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. at the Woodland City Hall Council Chambers.

Tom Golik - Chairman

Jody Bartkowski - Secretary

Date

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